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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC TRADING OF ASSETS

the specification of which:

is attached hereto; or

was filed as United States application Serial No. _____ on October 5, 2000 and was amended on _____ (if applicable); or

was filed as PCT international application Number _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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COUNTRY (if PCT, indicate PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) and 1.27(c)-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Applicant or Patentee: STEVEN A. LAPIERRE

Application or Patent No.: (Unassigned)

Filed: October 5, 2000

Title: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC TRADING OF ASSETS**



I hereby state that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: **NOVAPLEX TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

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- the specification filed herewith with the title as listed above.
 the application identified above.
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